

***For General Information
About the Domestic
Violence Unit...***

Visit our web site at
www.state.ma.us

For written inquiries write to:

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Domestic Violence Unit 4th Floor
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Boston MA 02111

Contact the Director of
The Domestic Violence Unit:
617-348-5978

Fax the Domestic Violence unit at:
617-727-0166

or
Call DTA at: 617-348-8470

**How Do You Reach A
Domestic Violence
Specialist?**

Each Transitional Assistance Office (TAO) is assigned a Domestic Violence Specialist who is available to staff and recipients for consultation on domestic violence-related issues.

To speak to a specialist, please call:

Davis Square Office 617-629-1493

Dorchester Office 617-989-6039

Fitchburg, Southbridge, Framingham,
Milford 508-628-1242

Lowell, Haverhill, Worcester, Lawrence
..... 978-725-7155

Newmarket Square Office 617-989-2205

Revere, North Shore, Roslindale,
Malden, Quincy 781-286-7401

Springfield, Holyoke, Pittsfield, Athol,
Greenfield, North Adams, Northampton,
Westfield.....413-858-1155

Taunton, Brockton, Fall River,
New Bedford, Cape Cod, Wareham,
Plymouth 508-895-7163

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DVU Brochure

*Everyone
Deserves
To Be
Safe*



*A brochure for those working with
Victims of Domestic Violence*

*Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Transitional Assistance*

What is the DTA Domestic Violence Unit?

The DTA Domestic Violence Unit was created to support Transitional Assistance Workers in managing their domestic violence cases. The unit consists of eight area-based domestic violence specialists; four are funded by DTA and four are funded by a grant from the Department of Revenue. Each Transitional Assistance Office (TAO) is assigned one of the specialists to consult on domestic violence-related issues.

What Are the Goals of the Unit?

- (1) to assist victims of domestic violence and their children to live violence-free lives,
- (2) to help victims of domestic violence safely achieve economic self-sufficiency by integrating domestic violence expertise into the Department of Transitional Assistance, and
- (3) to maximize services to victims by increasing state-wide collaboration and coordination.

How Can the Domestic Violence Unit Help..

Victims of Domestic Violence?

- **Assess domestic violence situation**
- **Help with safety planning**
- **Develop and connect to appropriate resources**
- **Coordinate with the Department of Revenue's Child Support Enforcement Unit**
- **Advocate within DTA and other agencies**
- **Work together to establish an economic self-sufficiency plan**
- **Assist with domestic violence waiver process**

- **24-Month Time Limit**
- **Work Program**
- **Family Cap**
- **Teen Parent School attendance**

Transitional Assistance Offices?

- **Provide Domestic Violence Training**
- **Provide Case Consultation**
- **Complete Safety Assessments**
- **Coordinate Domestic Violence and DTA Services**
- **Provide Support in Difficult Cases**
- **Identify Resources**

Community-Based Providers?

- **Act as a liaison between the domestic violence and DTA communities**
- **Provide training on domestic violence and transitional assistance**
- **Coordinate services for victims**